

**THE NEW CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN
AND
TENTATIVE ORG PROCEDURES INVOLVED**

1. On 13 January OCI will prepare the first issue of a new publication--to be called the Central Intelligence Bulletin--to replace the present OCI Bulletin. The new publication will have daily review by representatives of the IAC agencies prior to publication and occasionally may have contributions prepared by other IAC-member agencies. It will have limited distribution to components that have received the present Bulletin but will be tailored for and delivered directly to high level addressees, rather than to their offices. In preparation for the new publication, the DCI has personally explained to the members of the NSC that they are to regard it as his voice.

2. The new publication will, tentatively, be similar to the dry run made in early November. It will consist of:

- a summary of the contents in the form of one or two sentence "Briefs";

- articles arranged in five or more sections labeled Communist Bloc, Asia-Africa, the West, Economic and Scientific, and possibly Indications. These, for the most part, will provide more detailed coverage of the subjects treated in the "Briefs";

- an appendix listing intelligence publications released on a given day;

- other appendices giving IAC Watch Committee weekly conclusions and possibly conclusions of RIK's and SHIE's.

3. The chief difference between the present Bulletin articles and the articles in the body of the new Bulletin are:

- the new Bulletin will attempt to be more "promonitory";

- a list of situations and developments is to be compiled on which periodic reports will be required even if the report restates the conclusion of the predecessor;

- the new Bulletin will be adequately sourced, at least in regard to the chief items used in the report. Tentatively, articles submitted by OER will be sourced per BR RA-8, The Writing of Reports, 31 August 1956, 2 (Appendix C).

- when necessary, the article will consist of two parts. The first will consist of a short statement of fact and significance. The second part will consist of background which can be chronological, developmental, biographical, technical, or whatever is necessary for a broad understanding by one not knowledgeable in the specific subject or area under discussion. The "gist and comment" format is to be abandoned.

- more use is to be made of graphics at the behest of the President.

4. A major point of similarity between the old and the new Bulletin is that, next to clarity, brevity will be considered the most important attribute of all submissions.

5. The tentative production schedule--which will be difficult to meet--is as follows:

(a) A "brief" is submitted to the chief editor of the Bulletin as soon as possible after it has been decided that an article is to be prepared.

(b) By 1200 daily, including Saturday, drafts of "briefs" and articles will have been forwarded to OCI, where they will have been duplicated and dispatched to IAC members.

(c) At 1400, CIA Publications Board (now same but same as current OCI Publications Board) deliberates on drafts, makes changes, sends drafts to AR/CI for review. The revised drafts are submitted to the IAC reviewing panel, which will convene daily at 1600 hours. These drafts will probably be available to the originating unit.

(d) When a Bulletin is prepared outside normal production schedule:

(1) A descriptive "brief" should be submitted even if the direction to be taken in the article has not been finally determined.

(2) Necessary coordination will be attempted at any hour but inability to obtain such coordination will not preclude "late" items.

(3) Drafts should be initially prepared on the basis of whatever is available. They may be subsequently modified if additional information warrants such a revision.

Articles which are "late" for reasons other than the arrival of the "tip off" information after deadlines will be frowned on, especially in the initial stages.

6. GMR's role in the preparation of the new Bulletin is the same as its role in the old one. The office will prepare or advise on the preparation of that material which involves Sino-Soviet Bloc economic activity and special items in the geographic intelligence field. An GMR representative will participate in the CIA Board review when responsibilities of GMR are involved.

7. As a preliminary GMR schedule for contributions to the new Bulletin, the following deadlines are established:

- Briefs - due Chief, St/CS, 1030.

- Articles for the Body - will be forwarded to GCI Bulletin Chief Editor at 1200 regardless of state of coordination, which of course can continue. By 1130, however, a draft must be in the hands of St/CS typists.

8. During the week of 6-11 January a full scale dry run will occur including IAC review and publication. The dry run may be distributed to the intelligence contributors but will not go to the consumers. On 13 January the new publication is tentatively to begin and the old Bulletin will be eliminated.

9. The AD/RR has asked that, in view of the early daily deadlines and the increased review resulting from this change, all units of GMR be particularly careful and cooperative in fulfilling requests from St/CS in supporting its efforts to provide GMR's contributions to the Central Intelligence Bulletin.

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